

Mackinac Bridge October Traffic Report

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Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 416,971 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of October. This represents a 6.2 percent increase when compared to the 392,469 crossings during October 2001. Fare revenue for the month was up 5.1 percent compared to last year, going from \$884,054 to \$928,744. Commercial traffic for the month of September was up 0.5 percent. Truck crossings were up 0.3 percent and bus crossings were up 4.4 percent.

Traffic for the first ten months of 2002 is running 1.5 percent ahead of last year's pace; 4,150,066 vehicles compared to 4,089,409 in 2001. Fare revenue in 2002 totals \$9,119,915 compared to \$9,011,770 last year, an increase of 1.2 percent. Commercial traffic for the first nine months of 2002 is down 1.4 percent over the same period of last year.

Mr. Sweeney reported that construction activity continues at the Mackinac Bridge. He asks that travelers drive with extreme caution during the construction season, slow down, be aware of our construction workers, and "Give 'em a Brake".